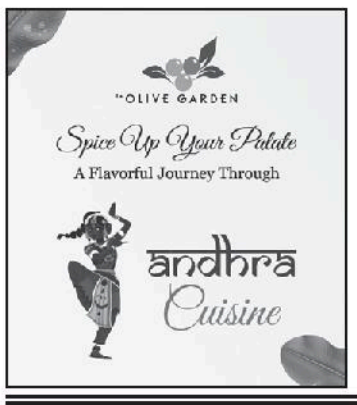

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Desi Rice Mela begins in city

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra** (fourth from right), **who inaugurated the two-day Desi Rice Mela in city this morning, seen with** (from left) **Rice Saver Srinivasmurthy, Seed Saver Boregowda, Sahaja Samrudha Director G. Krishna Prasad, his wife Seema Prasad and CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh.

Mysuru, May 18 (MTY&DM)- The two-day 'Desi Rice Mela' organised by the city-based Sahaja Samrudha, in collaboration with Rebuild India Fund and Save Our Rice Campaign, began at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road here this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the Rice Mela, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra said that Sahaha Samrudha has done a good job in bringing all varieties of organic rice grown across the State on a single platform. Pointing out that each variety of rice is characterised by its distinct textures, flavours and tastes, he stressed on the importance of creating awareness among the public on the numerous varieties of rice that are grown. Underlining the importance of conducting such Melas, Dr. Rajendra observed that the Mela is a celebration of rice diversity that is grown with care for the health of the population by our farmers.

(See MELA on page 7)

Traffic violation on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway

12,192 cases in 15 days

Most violations include overspeeding, not wearing seat belts, using mobile phones while driving

Mysuru, May 18 (AG&BCT)- In a significant enforcement effort, the Bengaluru Traffic Police, monitoring movements along Mysuru-Bengaluru National Highway 275, have registered 12,192 cases against motorists who violated traffic rules from May 1 to May 16.

The crackdown was facilitated by the deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, which captured images of the violations. The challans are directly sent to the mobiles of vehicle owners and Police have warned commuters to follow all traffic rules while driving on this road.

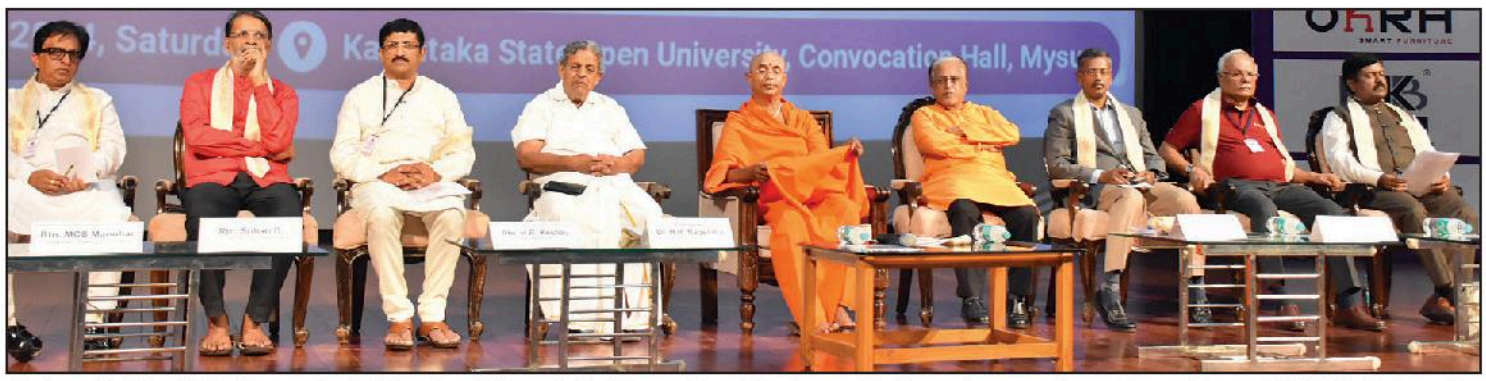
In an X post, Karnataka Police wrote, "Our Police cameras are working on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway. In just 15 days, 12,192 traffic violations were caught on the Expressway. If there is an accident due to violations of traffic rules, your family has to suffer. Please think once."

Mandya Superintendent of Police N. Yathish told *SOM* this morning that the Police were conducting trials of these AI-powered cameras, and during this period, 12,192 violations were detected. "As of now, the Bengaluru Traffic Police is centrally monitoring all the cameras and levying penalties until the trial period concludes. The task will be handed over to the districts — Ramanagara, Mandya and Mysuru — after the trials conclude," he said.

Most of the violations recorded include overspeeding, drivers not wearing seat belts, using mobile phones while driving and passengers not wearing seat belts. Each identified violator has been issued a notice, mandating the payment of fines within seven days of receiving the notice. The notice, accompanied by photographic evidence of the violation, instructs motorists to pay the fine either by visiting the concerned traffic station or through a mobile payment option linked to the vehicle's registration number, facilitated by RTO.

(See CASES on page 7)

Mysuru hosts Rotary G20 Yoga Summit



Padma Shri ***Dr. H.R. Nagendra*** *(sitting fourth from left),* ***Chancellor, Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samathana (VYASA) University, Bengaluru, who inaugurated the Rotary G20 Yoga Summit at KSOU Convocation Hall in city this morning, is seen with*** *(from left)* ***Rotarian MCS Manohar, Chairman Steering Committee, Rotarian D. Srihari, Vice-Chairman, G20 Yoga Summit, Rotarian H.R. Keshav, District Governor, RID 3181, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji, Secretary, Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru, PDG Rotarian R. Krishna, Chairman, G20 Yoga Summit 2024, Dr. Srinivasulu, Commissioner, AYUSH, Rotarian P.K. Ramakrishna, District Governor 2025-26, RID 3181 and Dr. Basavaraju, Co-ordinator, G20 Summit, were present.***

Mysuru, May 18 (RK&BS)- The Rotary G20 Yoga Summit was organised by Rotary International District (RID)-3181 at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Hall in city this morning, with participants discussing importance of Yoga in building a healthy society.

Padma Shri Dr. H.R. Nagendra, Chancellor of Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samathana (VYASA) University, Bengaluru and Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji, Secretary of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru branch, jointly inaugurated the summit, marking the launch of the SDM+Hypertension Project of RID-3181.

(See ROTARY on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 18th May 2024

Coaching for bank exam aspirants

Mysuru, May 18 (BS)- Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation, Mysuru Branch, Vijayanagar Second Stage, has organised online and offline coaching for bank exam aspirants from May 20.

The national banks like State Bank of India (SBI) and other rural banks will be recruiting 12,000 employees for the vacant posts of probationary officers and clerical staff through competitive exams. Among them, over 3,000 candidates will be recruited for probationary posts and over 8,000 for Assistant Officers posts.

The coaching will be conducted under the guidance of retired General Manager of Canara Bank and experienced resource persons.

Hostel facilities for both men and women shall be provided. Interested candidates may contact Krishik Bhavan, CA - 25, Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Vijayanagar Second Stage, Mysuru- 570017 or call Mob:82960-31570 or 99457-52592 or Ph: 0821-2301564.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

EFFICACY OF TRUTH: ***In Buddhism, a truth command or*** *Sacca Kiriya,* ***is associated with a moral force of the truth. When the solemn declaration is uttered truthfully, "By this truth, I wish..." it can bring about wonders that benefit the suffering ones.***

When the Buddha walked on this earth, there lived Angulimala, a bloodthirsty murderer in the forests who was known to wear a 'finger-necklace' around his neck, made of the fingers of his victims. One day his path crossed with that of Buddha and he ran towards him with the intention of killing him but couldn't catch up, although the Blessed One seemed to be walking at a normal pace.

Amazed by this divine display, Angulimala called out to him to stop walking. Buddha stopped and addressed him, with neither anger nor fear: "I have stopped and it's time you too stop." Angulimala was so struck by these words that he experienced a deep sense of remorse and, in a moment of profound realisation, was determined to abandon violence. He hurled his weapons off a cliff and requested ordination from the Buddha. The merciful one obliged and Angulimala joined the community of monks, practiced severe austerity and embraced a life of meditation and spiritual practice.

When the king wanted to imprison the outlaw, the Buddha convinced him to give the ex-bandit a second chance. But the villagers were not ready to forgive him, and when the former brigand was out on the streets, he was beaten and bruised. The Buddha reminded him that he had to suffer the consequences of his past actions.

Many years passed, and one day Angulimala came across a young woman undergoing difficult labour due to a breech birth. He was profoundly moved by her cries of pain and felt compassion to an extent he never knew when he was a brigand. He tells her, "Sister, ever since I was reborn into this noble birth, I do not recall that I have ever intentionally deprived a living being of life. By this truth, may you be well, and may your infant be well." His efficacy of truth blesses the woman and she safely gives birth to her child.

After performing the act of truth, Angulimala was seen "to bring life rather than death" by the villagers. It's noteworthy that Mahatma Gandhi's strict adherence to truth in the non-violent resistance movement draws parallels to the principles underlying the *Sacca Kiriya.*

— Jayanthi Chandrasekaran in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

83-year-old becomes oldest graduate!

Washington: An 83-year-old woman became Howard University's oldest-ever graduate when she walked across the stage to receive her doctoral degree in divinity.

Marie Fowler, who previously earned a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees from the Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary, said she initially did not think she would make it all the way to graduation.

Fowler exceeded her own expectations by earning her doctoral degree in three years. She said her parents were a major inspiration in deciding to continue her education.

"I want to say is that it is never too late. I want everyone to realize that I am 83, which means if I can do it, why not you?" she said.

Singapore influencer becomes grandmom at 34

Tengah: An influencer from Singapore has sparked a debate after becoming a grandmother at the age of 34. According to reports, Shirli Ling, now 35, welcomed her first grandchild last year when her 17-year-old son became a father. Notably, the influencer who runs a chicken hotpot restaurant, has been married three times and has five children. She had her first son at the age of 17, followed by another son and three daughters.

Her posts sparked debate with many calling her a "failed mother" while others appreciated her for being supportive. Some joked that she could become a "great-grandmother at 53 and a great-great-grandmother at 72."

In an Instagram video posted in March, Ling discussed her experience of becoming grandmother at such a young age, calling it both "good and bad".

HEALTH CAPSULE

The combination of increased sun exposure, sweating, and more open pores can lead to an increase in acne. Dirt and oil from your hands can transfer to your face. They get trapped by open pores and sweat, resulting in breakouts.

By Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant - Dermatology & Cosmetologist, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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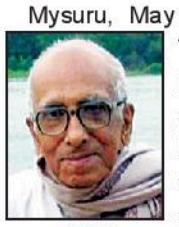
**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

GTN award presentation, music concert at Krishna Gana Sabha on May 25



GTN

Mysuru, May 18- Bhramara Trust of Y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari, Mysuru, has organised a programme at Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Gokulam 3rd Stage, on May 25 at 6 pm to present Prof. G.T. Narayana Rao (GTN) Award to outstanding young instrumentalist Vid. Keshav Mohankumar.

Vidu. Koviladi R. Kala will be the chief guest. Sabha President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs will be the guest of honour.

On the occasion, an endowment music concert will be presented by Vid. Rajagopal Bhagavath.

He will be accompanied by Vid. M. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

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REALLY...?

- ***Your heart can continue beating even when separated from your body. This is because it has its own electrical system.***
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1 Euro	= Rs. 90.55

VOICE OF THE READER

Plea to ply more buses via Nanjangud and Mysuru

Sir,

I appeal to KSRTC Mysuru Division to ply more buses between Nanjangud and Mysuru during peak hours (8 to 10 in the mornings), to quell the mad rush, not only at the main bus stand but also at the Vishweshwaraiah Circle (Hullahalli Circle) where the crowd is almost double, reason being the Shakti-scheme-induced free journey for women, office-goers and students, who are in huge numbers.

Also, buses halt a few yards BEFORE the dedicated bus shelter at this Circle, blocking free movement of vehicles that follow, leading to heavy line-up, causing chaos.

Through this column, I appeal KSRTC to run more buses in the mornings and also strictly instruct its drivers to stop buses close to the bus shelter.

—N. Devarajan

Nanjangud
14.5.2024

Power disruption on May 19 and 20

Mysuru, May 18- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up its 1st quarterly maintenance works at Maradihundi, Ayarahalli and Bannimantap Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply on May 19 and 20 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

On May 19

Bannimantap Power Distribution Centre: Siddiquenagar, Sri Shivarathreeshwaranagar, Manipal Hospital, Hanumanthanagar, HUDCO, Industrial 'A' and 'C' Layouts, KSRTC Depot, Industrial 'B' Layout, Highway Circle, areas around *Star of Mysore*, Cauvery Nagar, Belavatha, Sadanahalli, Siddalingapura, K.R. Mill, Naganahalli, Lakshmipura, Kalasthavadi, Mysuru-Bengaluru Main Road and surrounding areas.

Maradihundi Power Distribution Centre: Tummanerale and Hosakote villages and Gram Panchayat (GP) limits.

Ayarahalli Power Distribution Centre: Chikkegowdanahundi, Devalapura, Rayanahundi, Marigowdanahundi, Kumbrahalli Mutt, Someshwarapura, Basahallihundi, Kiralu, Hadinaru, Moodalli, Mallarajahundi, Bharani Drinking Water Plant and surrounding areas.

On May 20

Maliyuru Power Distribution Centre: Heggur and Maliyuru villages and GP limits, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineers of NR Mohalla and Nanjangud Divisions.

Free health check-up tomorrow

Mysuru, May 18 (GA&BS)- As part of golden jubilee celebrations of sanyasa sweekara of Sringeri Mutt Seer Sri Bharathi Theertha Swamiji, Sringeri Sharada Peetha, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Mysuru District and City Brahmins Association have jointly organised year-long Suvarna Bharathi celebrations and various other programmes from April 2024 to April 2025.

Abhinava Shankaralaya Manager Sheshadri Bhat told media persons at Patrakarthara Bhavana here on Friday that a free eye check up camp has been organised in association with ASG Eye Hospital and a free general health check up camp is also organised in association with DRM Super Speciality Hospital, at Shankara Mutt premises in Fort Mohalla here tomorrow (May 19) from 9 am to 2 pm.

The tests related to blood pressure, diabetes, heart ailments and uterus cancer will be conducted at the camp. People may avail of the opportunity.

Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash, devotees of the Mutt S. Ranganath, Harish, M.R. Balakrishna, Gopalrao and Suchendra Theertha were present.

Home Minister calls on Mittoo Chengappa

Madikeri, May 18 (PS&BCT)- Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar called on senior Congress leader Mittoo Chengappa at his residence in Kushalnagar on Thursday, 16th May 2024.

Earlier, Dr. Parameshwar had gone to Kumbaragadige village near Mutlu in Somwarpet, Kodagu district, where he met the family of U.S. Meena, a minor girl who was recently beheaded by a man. The Minister inquired about Mittoo Chengappa's health and reminisced about old memories as Congress activists and wished him good health before leaving.

Madikeri MLA Dr. Manthar Gowda, former MLC Veena Achaiah, KPCC General Secretary K.P. Chandrakala, Congress youth leader N. Madhu and other prominent leaders were present with the Minister during his visit to Chengappa's residence.

Home Minister with Mittoo Chengappa's family.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my client is interested in purchasing the property detailed in the schedule from its present owner Mrs. Latha Bhaskar aged 66 years, wife of Bhaskar Kedlaya residing at No.37, Anugraha, 1st Main, 4th Cross, K. R. Layout, J. P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling Brahmin students

Srikrishna Mitra Mandali, Mysuru, has invited applications from Trimathastha Brahmin community students of the city who have scored above 95% marks in SSLC, above 90%in PUC and above 96% in CBSE exams for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. Interested may apply along with the photocopy of their marks card, photo and mobile number to the Office of Sri Krishna Dhama, Sahukar Chennaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru - 570009 before May 28. For further details, contact Ph: 0821-2544004, Mob: 98459-55417 or 94496-21500, according to a press release from Srikrishna Mitra Mandali.

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TODAY'S MATCH (MAY 18)

RCB Vs **CSK**
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru — **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (MAY 19)

SRH Vs **PBKS**
Rajiv Gandhi Intl. Stadium, Hyderabad — **3.30 pm**

RR Vs **KKR**
Barsapara Cricket Stadium, Guwahati — **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

LSG - 214 / 6 (20 Overs)
BEAT
MI - 196 / 6 (20)

Live Telecast on

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Hubballi murder: Accused worked as a supplier in Mysuru hotel

Bengaluru, May 18 (BCT)- The Hubballi-Dharwad Police on Friday arrested a 22-year-old man from Davangere on charges of killing a young woman after she allegedly rejected his marriage proposal.

The accused, identified as Girish Sawant alias Vishwa stabbed Anjali Ambiger (20) multiple times at her house in Hubballi on Wednesday and went absconding. He allegedly threatened the victim of killing her in the same manner as a 21-year-old Hubballi college student Neha Hiremath who was stabbed to death by her former classmate.

Girish revealed that he had plans to murder Anjali for the last three months and the same was shared with his friends. Sawant had told some of his close friends that he would soon be called 'second Fayaz' and would murder Anjali soon. Fayaz is accused of murdering Neha Hiremath at her college in Hubballi on Apr. 18.

Girish Sawant alias Vishwa

A Police Inspector and a woman Head Constable were suspended on charges of dereliction of duty over the murder. The victim's family has alleged that they had complained to the Police but no action was taken.

According to the Police, Sawant was angry as he did not want to see Anjali getting married to someone else. "The relationship between Anjali and Sawant went stale when they fought three months ago. The couple went shopping at Durgadbail where Anjali told Sawant that the family was looking for grooms for her. This led to a heated argument between the couple and Sawant hit her in public. The passerby managed to save her and sent Sawant away. Since then he has been planning to murder Anjali," the Police said.

Hotel owner recalls association

Investigation has revealed that Girish Sawant worked as a supplier at Maharaja Hotel in Mysuru. Govardhan, the restaurant owner, told reporters that he had hired Girish to look after his aged father through Vinayaka Nursing Care Service.

"He was hired to look after my father at my house. He worked for one and a half months. Later, on his request, he was given a room service job in our hotel, while also working as a supplier. He was irregular and often took leaves for days, claiming that his mother was ill. He also used to make calls from the hotel's telephone and the staff's mobile phones," Govardhan said.

He also mentioned that a few days ago, Girish had taken Rs. 1,000, and on Tuesday afternoon, borrowed Rs. 5,000 as an advance. "After borrowing the money, he did not return to the hotel," he said.

"During his work period sometime back, Girish said that he would leave the job as he had to take care of his mother and left Mysuru. A few days later, he called from Hubballi and said he would come back to work again and did so. He got along well with the staff at the hotel. There were no problems," said Govardhan.

"On Wednesday, Police from Hubballi called and inquired about Girish. When they said he had committed murder, I couldn't believe it. Finally, the other boys at the hotel showed me a video. Then I believed it. Later, the Hubballi Police came and questioned me and Girish's colleagues," he said.

MCC Senior Medical Officer among two booked for cheating woman in city

Mysuru, May 18 (MK&KS)- Saraswathipuram Police have registered a case against two persons on charges of misusing cheque given for security purpose. The Police have registered the case against MCC Senior Medical Officer N.P. Venkatesh and K.T. Keshavamurthy of Hassan, following a complaint from one B.C. Meera, who runs Annapoorna Offset Printers at Saraswathipuram.

In her complaint, Meera has stated that Venkatesh, whom she knew since 2018, had given a couple of registers to be printed and used to pay through a Government cheque after the printing work was completed. There had been enough transactions between the two since 2012.

On Jan. 5, 2022, Meera was asked to supply papers, ink and printing raw materials for which she was paid some money as advance. She said that Venkatesh had obtained a signed blank cheque from her for security.

But after the work was completed, Meera asked Venkatesh to return her cheque for which he began to give reasons following which she had requested the Bank not to honour the cheque given as security.

Meera, in the complaint, has accused Venkatesh of misusing the cheque by obtaining a loan of Rs. 4.5 lakh from Keshavamurthy and giving her cheque to him and getting it bounced from the Bank.

Meera had registered a case against the two at city's JMFC Court following which the Court ordered Saraswathipuram Police to register a case against Venkatesh and Keshavamurthy.

Saraswathipuram Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Police arrest burglar; Recover Rs. 26 lakh worth gold jewellery

Mysuru, May 18 (RK&DM)- In a major catch, Udayagiri Police, who arrested a burglar, have recovered 392.5 gram of gold jewellery worth Rs. 26 lakh stolen by him.

The arrested has been identified as Syed Aslam, a resident of Rajiv Nagar second stage.

Syed Aslam had burgled the house of one G. Ashok Kumar, a resident of Parashakti Road in Rajiv Nagar second stage on the night of May 11 and had decamped with 395 gram of gold jewellery. With his arrest, the Police have recovered 392.5 gram of gold jewellery, which included 2 chains, 3 rings, 3 necklaces and bangles, totally worth about Rs. 26 lakh.

The nabbing and recovery operation was carried out by Udayagiri Inspector K.N. Sudhakar and staff under the guidance of DCP S. Jahnavi and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shantamallappa.

One killed in collision between two bikes

Mysuru, May 18 (SPN&DM)- A bike rider was killed while two minor boys sustained injuries in a head-on collision between two bikes near Deve Gowda Circle on Ring Road here on Friday.

Zameel

The deceased rider has been identified as Zameel (45), a resident of Bannur, while the injured boys have been identified as his nephews Mubarak, 12 and Awais,14.

Zameel was returning to Bannur from Mysuru along with his nephews on Friday afternoon, when his bike collided head on with another motorcycle near Deve Gowda Circle on Ring Road. Zameel, who sustained serious injuries, was being rushed to a Hospital, when he died en route, it is learnt. Mubarak and Awais, who sustained injuries, are being treated at a city hospital, while the other bike rider, whose identity is yet to be known, escaped with minor injuries. Siddarthanagar Traffic Police have registered a case.

Obituary

M.A. Nanjappa

Mysuru, May 18- Dr. M.A. Nanjappa (89), retd. Joint Director of Animal Husbandry, passed away in the wee hours of today.

He leaves behind his wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kuvempunagar in city this afternoon.

Zameel Ahmed Khan

Zameel Ahmed Khan (69), a resident of Bannimantap in the city, passed away here on Friday.

He leaves behind his wife, 6 sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mandi Mohalla in city yesterday.

Bhramaramba

Bhramaramba (Kalyani), wife of late K.V. Sheshadri, former Director of Muguru Karnataka Brahmana Sangha and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram here, passed away last night. She was 80.

She leaves behind four daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Justice A.S. Bopanna
retires from Supreme Court

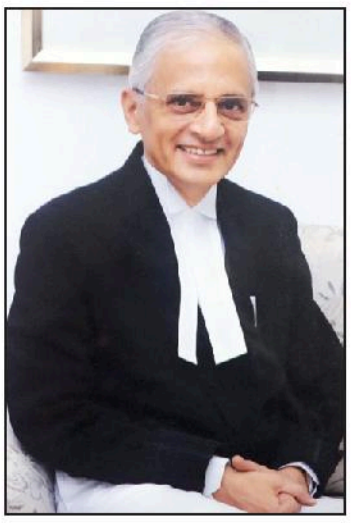
Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud bids special farewell in Kodava Thakk, a language designated as endangered by UNESCO

New Delhi, May 18 (Agencies)- Supreme Court Judge, Justice Ajjikuttira Somaiah Bopanna on Friday bid adieu to the Apex Court on his last working day before his formal retirement on May 19.

Hailing from Kodagu district, known for its natural beauty and as the birthplace of India's two celebrated Army Generals — the first and third army chiefs, Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa and General Kodandera S. Thimayya, Justice Bopanna was unequivocally praised by lawyers.

They lauded him as the calmest judge, possessing an 'understudied elegance' whose characteristics could serve as the benchmark for selecting judges for the constitutional courts.

Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud termed Justice Bopanna as an invaluable colleague, who was a good judge and a compassionate human being. "When I requested him to head a tribunal post-retirement, he declined saying he wanted to be liberated from judicial work. Justice Bopanna has an understudied elegance that sits well with his high standard of integrity, proficiency and diligence," he said.



Justice Bopanna

Justice Chandrachud bid a special farewell to Justice Bopanna in Kodava Thakk, a language designated as an endangered language by UNESCO.

Speaking a few words in Kodava Thakk, the Chief Justice reverted to English and said, "Justice Bopanna, you are a great judge, human being and worthy friend. He is known for punctuality and diligence and was the Mr. Dependable. He was known in the Karnataka HC to seldom take leave. He had to take a short break here but always had his heart back in his chamber here and coordinated with staff and clerks. He is punctual to the T and quickly resumed. Many have said they have to reset their clocks to match his punctuality. He has never been averse to new ideas and technologies. He allowed family court proceedings through Skype."

Justice Bopanna is the son of late A.N. Somaiah, a prominent politician belonging to the erstwhile Janata Party, who served as a member of the Karnataka Legislative Council a few decades ago.

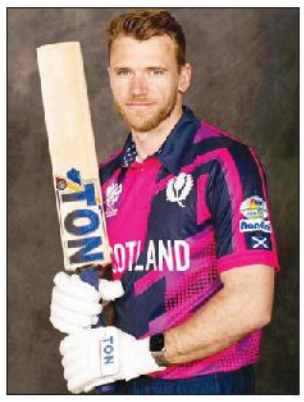
Justice Bopanna enrolled as an advocate on Nov. 21, 1984, and practised Civil, Constitutional, Company and Service matters. In 2006, he was elevated as an additional judge of the Karnataka High Court and became a permanent judge on Mar. 1, 2007. He was elevated as Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court on October 29, 2018 and as a judge of the Supreme Court on May 24, 2019.

In his speech, Justice Bopanna asked lawyers to "Carry a heart that never hates, carry a smile that never faints, carry a touch that never hurts."

Talking about his journey in SC, he said, "Sachin Tendulkar, when he was asked about his century of centuries, said when I go to bat the next time in the next match, I have to again start from zero. It was a similar experience for me in the Supreme Court. Each day was a new day."

Brand 'Nandini' goes global
KMF sponsors Scotland and Ireland at T20 World Cup

Bengaluru, May 18 (Agencies)- With Scotland and Ireland cricket teams announcing Karnataka-based Nandini dairy brand as their official sponsor for the upcoming T20 World Cup in the US, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday said that the State Government is determined to introduce to the world both the best quality milk products of the state.



Sharing the news on 'X', CM Siddaramaiah termed it as a 'significant step' in making Nandini a global brand. "Karnataka's proud Nandini company, known in countries like Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, USA, Dubai, UAE, is now sponsoring Scotland and Ireland in the T20 World Cup." "We are determined to introduce to the world both the best quality milk products of the state and the hard work of the state's farmers. This will be a significant step in making Nandini a global brand," the CM said.

This time, Nandini will shine on the World Cup and so will Kannada, he quipped. Siddaramaiah also posted the photograph of Scotland men's team captain Richie Berrington wearing a jersey with the logo of 'Nandini' brand on the sleeve. KMF is the second largest dairy co-operative amongst the dairy cooperatives in the country. KMF has 16 Milk Unions covering all the districts of the State which procure milk from Primary Dairy Cooperative Societies (DCS) and distribute milk to the consumers in Karnataka.

The T20 World Cup will be co-hosted by West Indies and United States of America (USA) from June 1 to June 29. The first match will see hosts USA taking on Canada. A total of 55 matches will be played in nine venues and 20 teams will be playing in the tournament. India will start its World Cup campaign on June 5 playing against Ireland. On June 9 India will play against Pakistan at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York.

Applications invited for appointment as guest teachers

Mysuru, May 18- The Minorities Welfare Department has invited applications from qualified candidates for appointment as Guest Teachers / Lecturers in various subjects at Maulana Azad Model Schools (English Medium), Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and Morarji Desai Residential Schools / PU Colleges in city and T. Narasipur, Hunsur and Periyapatna taluks of district.

The last date for applying is May 30. For prescribed application forms and more details, visit the Minorities Welfare Department office located at Maulana Azad Bhavan, next to Shobha Garden, Bengaluru-Mysuru Road or contact: 0821- 2422088 / 89510-87207 / 87628-64253 (Mysuru), T. Narasipur: 82777-75750, Hunsur: 96207-50935, Periyapatna: 63626-61474.

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Agencies are advised to visit Hospital to assess the Security management Services & requirements in Consultation with AO's office on or before 31st May 2024 between 9 AM to 5PM on all working days.

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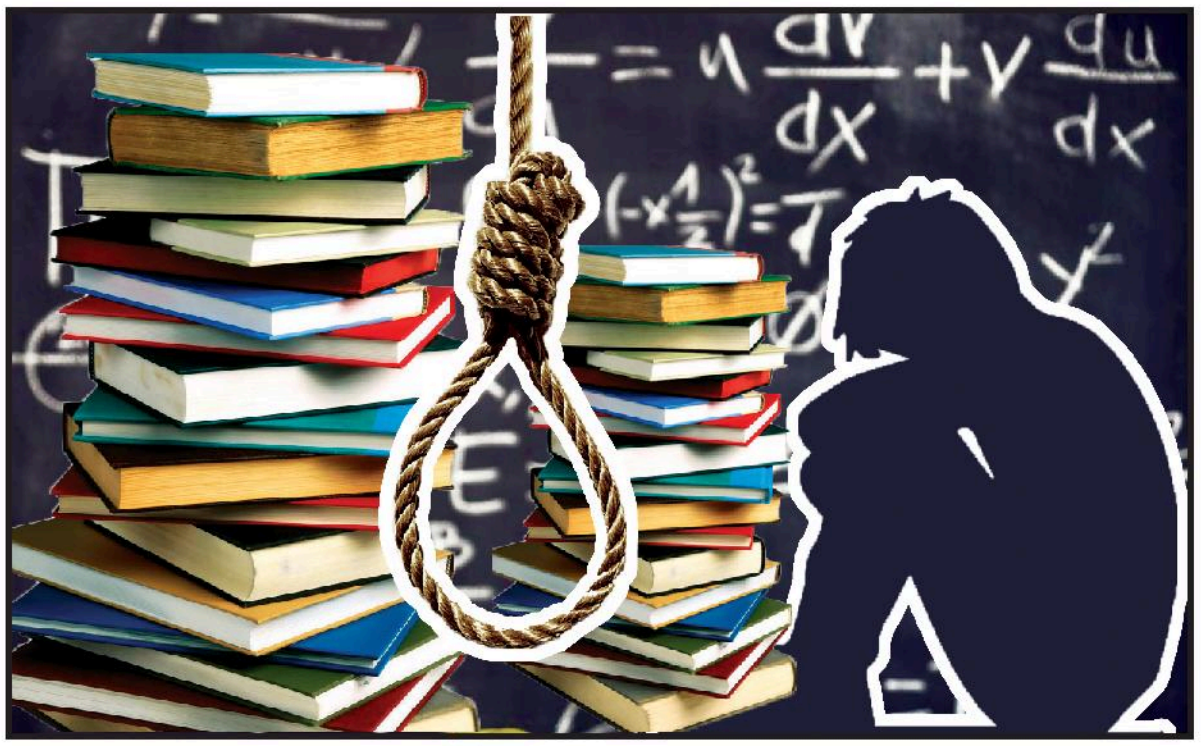
You don't flunk LIFE just because you flunk an EXAM



The Pre-University and SSLC results are out, and as expected, there is happiness, disappointment, grief and, unfortunately, quite a few deaths — two students in Mandya district, both just 15 years old, committed suicide.

While one student ended his life for failing an SSLC exam, the other, a girl, committed suicide assuming she had failed the exam when, in fact, she had passed. It is heartbreaking that our children feel so cornered by failure that they see no way out but to end their lives.

As per a report released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) in 2023, more than 13,000 students died by suicide. Around 10,000 of them were below 18, and failure of examination was among the prominent reasons for suicide.

The result season is a time of anxiety for all — colleges, schools, principals, parents and students.

The colleges pray for a rank to increase their marketability, the school principals wish for a high pass percentage to secure their job and the parents hope their 'status' is intact while the students are in a state of panic.

The competition is such that these days, marks in the range of 90s is not impressive. The cutoff for many colleges is 98 percent and numerous students score above 95.

In its May 2017 edition, *National Geographic* had a cover story titled ***'Genius: Why some people are smarter than the rest of us.'*** The reason is not IQ. Then what is it?

According to one of the psychologists cited in the magazine, *"No matter how brilliant a person, fortitude and discipline are critical to success."*

The magazine also states that the arc of one's career depends on two factors: One's chosen discipline and how soon one masters it.

It's obvious success does not come effortlessly. So, the students who have scored high marks have put in the effort.

Oh! The Stallions and Donkeys

Now, once the results are out, the students go from being biped to quadruped as they are paraded like winning horses.

Like in the case of a winning race horse where the trainer takes credit, here too the colleges take credit.

Like how the jockey increases riding charge, here the tuition centres do the same.

And like the horse which endured the strain, pain and sweat, the students, like the winning horse, are dazed and confused as the owners, the parents, pose with their winning horse for pictures.

Forget the horses; they will find their way, but what about the ones who ran like donkeys? They should have worked harder, one would say, which is true.

Unfortunately, once you make the mistake of running like a donkey, especially in second PUC or SSLC, our society rarely gives you a second chance. Herein lies the problem.

A failure in SSLC, or worse, Pre-University, seems to embed a harsh sense of finality — the END — in young minds.

That an exam for which a student appears at the young age of 15 and 18 can be so overbearing and powerful that it can bring such finality, such a sense of unworthiness, that it drives them to suicide and deep depression is very disturbing.

Inflation of qualification

Academic pressures stem from the steady devaluation of the 'degree', leading to 'academic inflation.'

A few decades ago, a high school diploma and a diploma could get you a good job. Soon, too many had them.

Then, an undergraduate degree made you special. Soon, there were too many of those, too.

Then, it was a master's degree that set you apart. Now, that is no longer special as some have double master's. And well, Ph.Ds are no more worthy.

In an economy where even a basic degree is becoming passé, our education system, too, will have to change. It cannot continue to stigmatise talent that is not 'employable' because sooner than we think, creativity, passion and entrepreneurship will become viable.

Forget Beti... it could be 'Beta Bachao'!

The fantastic news is the consistency with which girls have been performing year after year. This year, too, they excelled. In science, the PUC topper was a girl, so also in commerce and arts!

In science, out of the top 10, six were girls. In commerce, out of the top 5, 4 were girls! In arts, out of the top 3, 2 were girls!

The pass percentage among girls was 84.87 percent. The pass percentage among boys was 76.98 percent.

With results like this, I guess our Prime Minister may not have to work hard to push for the *'Beti Bachao'* programme. The *'Betis'* are not only saving themselves by excelling in academics but also their families with prosperous careers. Soon, parents would rather have *'Betis'* than *'Betas.'*

For now, yes, exams do matter, and high marks are the only way to get into a professional stream, seen as the only path to prosperity. But until this changes, let the kids know: You don't flunk life just because you flunk an exam.

Let us embrace a future where our children feel valued for their unique talents and strengths. As the saying goes, if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.

The time has come for parents and teachers to make children mentally resilient and prepare them for life instead of over-obsessing about the outcome of an exam.

In the grand tapestry of life, an exam is just one thread, not the whole story.

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12,192 cases in 15 days

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Additional Director General of Police (Traffic and Road Safety) Alok Kumar shared a picture that was shot by the camera where a KSRTC driver was seen talking on a mobile phone. He wrote, "No violation can escape the hawk eyes of our powerful cameras on Bengaluru-Mysore Highway, whether it's day or night. Please avoid the use of mobile phones while driving @KSRTC_Journeys. Please take action against the errant driver for disregarding traffic rules."

Earlier this month, 60 cameras were installed on the highway to detect vehicles overspeeding and causing accidents. These cameras will spot vehicles travelling at higher speeds than the permissible and automatically generate traffic challans.

The introduction of AI-based ANPR cameras aims to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of traffic law enforcement, ultimately reducing the incidence of traffic violations and promoting safer driving practices.

Desi Rice Mela begins

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The DC also highlighted the nutritional and medicinal benefits of desi rice and its by-products.

CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapaurna Singh; renowned Rice Savers Geetha and Srinivas Murthy; President, Rotary Bangalore North Rtn. M.K. Sridhar; Secretary, Rotary Bangalore North Rtn. Raju; Farmer Breeder and Seed Saver Boregowda; Sahaja Samrudha Director G. Krishna Prasad and others were present.

The 2-day Desi Rice Mela features more than 25 stalls, displaying and selling about 150 varieties of rice grown in different regions of the State, cereals and pulses, organically grown mangoes, ragi malt powder, food produced out of organic crops, paddy seeds, saplings of different fruit plants etc.

A Desi Rice Food Competition has been organised at 12.30 pm tomorrow (May 19) as part of popularising desi rice dishes. A painting competition is also organised at the venue for children below 12 years at 10.30 am tomorrow. For more details, call Mob: 98809-08608.

The Mela, which concludes tomorrow, is open from 10 am to 8 pm on both the days.

Rotary G20 Yoga Summit

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Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji conveyed his best wishes for the event through a video message.

AYUSH Commissioner Srinivasulu remarked, "We must first understand what is important to us in the present day. The current situation has changed, with 25 million diabetes patients, accounting for 20 percent of the country's population, and nearly 17 percent of the population suffering from obesity. This underscores the increase in the prevalence of non-communicable diseases, reflecting the deteriorating health of society."

Elaborating on the remedial steps, Srinivasulu stated, "In such an unhealthy situation, Ayurveda and Yoga should be brought into the mainstream of society. Western food and lifestyle are adversely affecting our health. The Indian systems of medicine like Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) should be effectively utilised. This is precisely why Prime Minister Narendra Modi has elevated yoga to an international level."

"If we fail to act now, society will be forced to spend more on health in the coming days, which will weaken the country economically. Hence, AYUSH is the only solution for both mental and physical well-being and should not be limited to yoga enthusiasts and Ayurveda practitioners alone," he suggested.

Someshwaranatha Swamiji commented, "In the past, the saints bestowed the practice of yoga upon us, which serves as a tool to control emotions, regardless of life's circumstances. Two years ago, PM Modi introduced yoga to the world, and it has now earned a distinguished place."

Coordinator of the G20 Summit, Dr. Basavaraju, said, "This G20 Meet should be the people's 20 as envisioned by PM Modi. When the team of recent G20 delegates visited Nagpur to participate in the Civil 20 (C20) Inception Meeting, the people greeted the delegates with great enthusiasm. Yoga was also widely discussed in the summit, as it has made significant contributions to the progress of the tourism sector."

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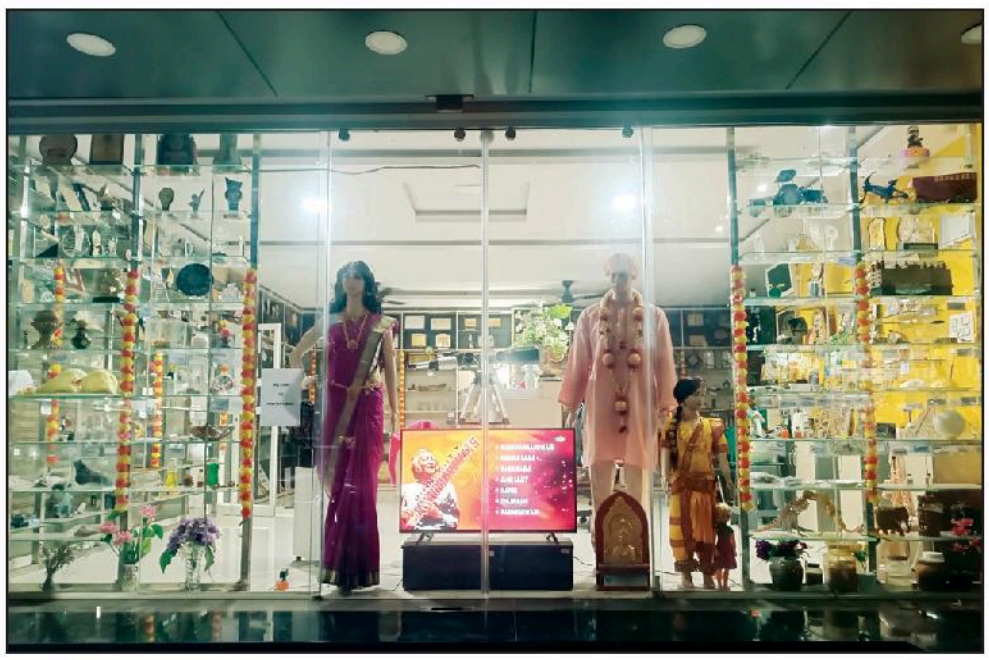
Human Anatomy Museum



Mysuru, known as the Cultural Capital, also boasts many museums, educational and research institutions. Adding to its accolades is the 'Unique Health Museum,' the first-of-its-kind in India, quietly taking shape at Teachers Layout. This museum aims to create health awareness among the public with special focus on students.

On International Museum Day 2024 (May 18), with the theme 'Museums for Education and Research,' *Star of Mysore* **spoke to Dr. N.M. Shama Sundar, the man behind the 'Unique Health Museum.'** This museum is the second in the world to showcase plastinated organs.

Speaking about plastination, Dr. Shama Sundar, an Anatomy Professor, explained, "Normally, specimens are preserved in bottles using formalin, a liquid that can cause eye and skin irritation. This method can cause specimens to lose their actual colour and may not appear realistic."

Plastination, however, is a dry preservation technique that maintains specimens in their original colour and shape for a long time. When plastinated specimens are on display, one can touch and feel them in their natural form, providing better information than conventional preservation methods, he said.

"I am a surgeon, and when my junior wants to learn surgery, living patients cannot be used as juniors are not trained or qualified. Bottled specimens in formalin are inconvenient due to their irritating smell and form, making them unsuitable for cutting and stitching practice. Plastinated specimens have no smell and are real specimens, not plastic models. They are convenient for junior doctors to learn from and serve as alternatives to patients," he said.

A model of Double Surface Photo Therapy to treat jaundice in new born babies designed by Dr. N.M. Shama Sundar in 1984 on display at the Unique Health Museum.

Former Dean of JSS Medical College and current Visiting Anatomy Professor at various Medical Colleges, Dr. Shama Sundar, adds, "When conducting workshops on organs like the heart or kidney, carrying bottled specimens is inconvenient and uncomfortable due to the smell and risk of spillage. Abhishek, a Science Communicator and Founder-Secretary of Gravity Science Foundation, Chamarajanagar and I frequently travel to conduct workshops. Plastinated specimens are easy to carry and provide hands-on experience, allowing the audience to see and feel both healthy and affected organs."

"We conduct workshops and exhibitions at schools and summer camps for high school students and above. Usually, children see organs only in drawings or books, which do not convey the real size or colour. When they see real specimens preserved through plastination, they get a true sense of an organ, making learning more effective," he added.

Some may hesitate to touch the specimens as they come from deceased bodies, so they can be covered with transparent covers for display. The museum features hearts, kidneys, lungs, brains, models, and photos to educate visitors. Apart from plastinated specimens, there are games and physics-related models in the museum to keep it interesting. Well-dressed dolls convey the message that a 'healthy family is a happy family' at the front of the museum. The overall idea is to make the museum engaging and convey the importance of health and happiness.

When asked about record body donation registrations during his tenure as Secretary of the JSS Body Donation Association, Dr. Shama Sundar explained, "40 years ago, there were fewer medical colleges and one body was sufficient for 10 students for an academic year. As the population and need for doctors increased, new colleges emerged, raising the demand for bodies."

"Back then, we often received bodies of beggars. When they died, the Police would verify that the deceased had no relatives to claim the body and that the death was natural. The Police would then take signatures from residents and communicate to the medical college that the body could be used for teaching and research purposes," he said.

"As the number of medical colleges increased, so did the need for bodies. We anticipated a shortage and sought a long-term solution. We decided to promote body donation. I feel that from a scientific perspective, burying or cremating bodies is wasteful, despite the sentimental and religious aspects," he opined.

"I gave programmes on Akashvani and TV and wrote articles in newspapers and blogs in both Kannada and English. During lectures, we shared our idea of body donation, emphasising that hands-on experience with real bodies is essential for medical training. We simply conveyed that one cannot become a doctor by studying on computers alone," he revealed.

The public responded positively and many pledged to donate their bodies. As a result, JSS achieved the highest body donation registration in India, with nearly 4,000 pledges.

Although the Body Donation Association was first set up in Belagavi, it received a weak response because just putting up a board was insufficient. We needed to create awareness actively. "I attended many programmes to speak about the importance of body donation, which garnered significant publicity and support," he noted.

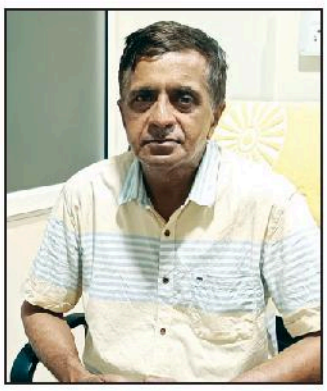
In body donation, family members of the deceased had no expenses. "We provided the ambulance, consoled the family and took the body. The biggest advantage was preserving the body for over 15 days, allowing relatives to pay their last respects. This was particularly beneficial for families with members abroad who arrived later. In some cases, even if parents had registered for body donation, their children might opt for cremation or burial instead. Both my mother's and sister's bodies have been donated to the Anatomy Department and plastinated," Dr. Shama Sundar said.

The 'Unique Health Museum', which was formally inaugurated on Oct. 23, 2023 by *Padma Shree* Prof. S. Ayyappan, former Director-General, ICAR, is open between 5.30 pm and 8.30 pm every day and shortly the Museum will be thrown open to public from 10 am to 8.30 pm. **—BNR**

A 10 Rupees Doctor !

Dr. N.M. Shama Sundar is a Senior Professor of Anatomy with over 36 years of experience and served as the Dean of the Faculty of Bio-Medical Sciences at JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER) for five years. He studied at Yuvaraja's College and did MBBS and MS (Anatomy) from Mysore Medical College.

He established JSS Body Donation Association 26 years ago, achieving the highest number of registrations (3,814) and donations (497) in India. He is the first in India and second in the world to design 'Plastination' technique. He has received over 185 awards and honours and has instituted the 'Dr. Mannar Krishna Memorial Gold Medal' in his father's name, awarded for the highest marks in Anatomy.



Dr. N.M. Shama Sundar

Dr. Shama Sundar's father was a veterinary doctor, his mother a housewife, and his siblings and their children are engineers. He has been a family physician at Mini Clinic in Siddarthanagar for 39 years, charging only 10 rupees, earning him the nickname '10 Rupees Doctor.' Specialising in paediatric surgery, he has performed over 3,000 minor surgeries at low cost.

KSOU signs MoU with Music Varsity

KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse (centre) and Music Varsity VC Dr. Nagesh V. Bettakote (3rd from right) showing the MoU copies as (from left) Prof. Shylesh Raje Urs, KSOU Registrar (Evaluation) H. Vishwanath, KSOU Registrar (Administration) Prof. K.B. Praveena, Music Varsity Registrar Rekha and KSOU Dean Prof. Lakshmi look on.

Mysuru, May 18 (MTY&BS)- Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University Mysuru, with two more MoUs with prestigious institutions to enhance knowledge and skill training for the students, expected to be signed in the coming days.

This was announced by Vice-Chancellor (VC) of KSOU Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse to media persons at the press meet held at the Varsity premises on Hunsur road here on Friday. Dr. Nagesh V. Bettakote, VC of Music University, was also present.

JNU, NCVET next

Sharing the details, Prof. Halse said that "Two more MoUs to be signed are — one with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and another with National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET). By entering into an agreement with JNU, plans are on to introduce six-month Certificate Course and one year Diploma in nine Foreign Languages including Spanish, French and German. While the partnership with NCVET intends to offer over 5,000 Skill Development courses and award certificates to students."

A total of 17,808 students have taken admissions to various courses offered at KSOU till January 2024, which is expected to increase further in July cycle. A total of 45,000 admissions had been received last year, he added claiming that KSOU holds the credit of offering highest number of under graduate and post graduate courses in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

Music Varsity VC Dr. Nagesh Bettakote said "As per the understanding reached with KSOU, it is aimed to foster the development of academic programmes, facilitate the exchange of faculty and students, optimise the mutual use of infrastructure facilities and organise joint workshops, seminars and conferences."

A total of 17,560 students have enrolled for exams to various courses at Music Varsity, while 3,650 music and dance teachers have been identified by the Varsity for conducting the exams in respective districts.

Own campus at Nadanahalli: A Civic Amenities (CA) site spread over 5.20 acres has been allotted to Music Varsity by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) at Nadanahalli on Mysuru - T. Narasipur main road, near Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar. The new and own campus will be set up there with the blue print ready. The design of the building to come up, will depict the musical tradition of the land. The works are expected to start once the Model Code of Conduct is lifted, said VC Dr. Bettakote.

Regional Centre at Hubballi

The Gangubai Hangal Gurukul Trust in Hubballi that has been set up in memory of renowned Hindustani vocalist will be taken into possession by the Varsity after the expiry of poll code that is in place. The Regional Centre of Music Varsity will come up at the Trust premises, he added.

KSOU Registrar (Administration) Prof. K.B. Praveena, KSOU Registrar (Evaluation) H. Vishwanath, Registrar of Music Varsity Rekha, KSOU Dean Prof. Lakshmi and KSOU Mass Communication and Journalism Department's Prof. Shylesh Raj Urs were present.

SSLC grace marks to be scrapped from next year

Bengaluru, May 18- Upset over the officials action of awarding 20 grace marks to SSLC students (2023-24) in order to prop up the results, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday took the officials to task for awarding grace marks to SSLC students this year.

Addressing an informal meeting of Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of different Departments at Vidhana Soundha here yesterday, Siddaramaiah raised the SSLC grace marks issue and the drop in results.

Taking the officials to task for awarding 20 grace marks, the CM wanted to know who took the decision to award grace marks in order to help the students pass the exam. The CM who got angered when officials attempted to defend the awarding of grace marks for improvement of results, saying that it was awarded during COVID pandemic too, came down heavily on the officials.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K.Shivakumar too joined the CM in chiding the officials. The CM, while wondering what was the purpose of conducting the exam if students who score low marks are passed through grace marks, also contended that the grace marks will render injustice to bright students, who had studied hard all throughout the year.

The CM later directed the Education Department officials to stop awarding grace marks in SSLC from next year.

SSLC remedial classes and Exam-2 postponed

Bengaluru, May 18 (SBD& DM)- Even as teachers across the State strongly opposed the Education Department's action of cutting off their summer holidays and asking them to hold remedial classes for 10th std. failed students, the School Education Department has postponed the remedial classes and SSLC Exam-2 (previously known as supplementary exam).

In an order passed on Friday, the Department said that SSLC Exam-2, which was earlier scheduled from June 7, has been postponed to June 14.

The remedial classes which were supposed to be held from May 15 to June 5 at schools across the State, has now been postponed and rescheduled to take place from May 29 to June 13.

Remedial classes are meant for failed students and for those who secured C and C+ grades in the annual SSLC exam held in March this year and want to improve their performance by appearing in SSLC-2 exam.

National Seminar on Biological Sciences held at Teresian College

Mysuru, May 18- The Departments of Botany and Zoology, Teresian College, Mysuru, hosted a two-day National Seminar on "Recent Innovation and Sustainable Development in Biological Sciences" on May 14 and 15 at the College premises in Siddarthanagar.

The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. T.V. Ramachandra of Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

Rev. Fr. Dr. S.J. Joji Reddy, President of Xavier Board of Higher Education and Principal of Loyola College, Hyderabad, was the guest of honour. Dr. Sr. Juanita, Director, presided. Dr. C. Jeyanti, Principal, Dr. Sr. Rohini, Financial Administrator and Vivek Charles, IQAC Coordinator were present. The proceedings of the National Seminar published in Teresian Publication were released on the occasion.

The seminar comprised technical sessions and panel discussions involving resource persons from renowned institutions — Dr. S. Shamsundar, Head, NIE-CREST, Mysuru; Dr. M.U. Sharief, Scientist - F, BSI Coimbatore; Dr. T.S. Harsha, Department of Environmental Science, KSOU, Mysuru and Dr. G. Vidya, Head, Zoology Department, St. Joseph's College, Thrissur.

The seminar exposed the participants to diverse fields like Green Technologies, Conservation of Biodiversity, Urban Waste Pollution, Unconventional DNA Structures and their implications in cancer.

Tibetans rally for 11th Panchen Lama's release

Demanding the release of 11th Panchen Lama Tenzin Gendun Yeshi Thinley Pal Sangpo allegedly captured by the China Government, Tibetans took out a rally under the banner of Middle Way Tibetan Youth Congress and Regional Tibetan Women's Association, Bylakuppe, Hunsur and Kollegal, in Mysuru yesterday. The rally began from old Mysuru Milk Union Limited (MYMUL) junction on T. Narasipur Road and culminated at new Deputy Commissioner's Office.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 18)

- **Ramsons Handicrafts:** 10th edition of Kreedaa Kaushalya, an exhibition of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Handicrafts emporium, opposite Zoo, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Sahaja Samrudha, Rebuild India Fund and Save Our Rice Campaign:** 'Desi Rice Mela,' Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Fashion Storei:** Indian Lifestyle Exhibition, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mysuru:** 'Artistry Show - Art in Every Jewel,' an expo-cum-sale of exquisite jewellery, Mysuru Showroom, B.N. Road, Bus Stand, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** Akhanda Bhagavata Saptaha, Kalashasthapane, Devatavahana, **7.30 am;** Discourse by Pt. Badarayanacharya, Uttaradi Mutt, Srirampura, **3.30 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Department of Studies in Social Work, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Department of Studies in Social Work, University of Mysore (UoM) and Indian Society of Professional Social Work (ISPSW):** Valedictory of Annual National Conference on 'New Vistas in Social Work: Navigating the Changing Landscape in Education, Research and Practice,' KSOU Registrar Prof. K.B. Praveena and UoM Registrar V.R. Shylaja, chief guests, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presides, Delhi School of Social Work, Professor Sanjoy Roy delivers valedictory address, Senate Hall,Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-828, story-telling by Karthikeyan Srinivasan, Project Co-ordinator, Samskriti Foundation, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]
- **The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysore Local Centre and Desirazu Family:** D.V. Narasimha (DVN) Rao memorial lecture on 'High Rise Buildings - Overview,' by guest speaker Dr. Raghavendra Prasad, founder and MD, Bhamy's Group of Companies, IEI Chairman Dr. R. Deepu presides, DVN Memorial Trustee Prof. D.S. Ramakrishna Rao, will be present, S.P. Bhat Hall, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Uttishta Bharata Pratishtana and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Adi Shankaracharya Jayanti, 'Sri Shankarara Samagra Kritigala Vivechane' lecture programme, Pramati Hillview Academy President H.V. Rajeev inaugurates, Kannada Sahitya Bhavana, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Naatya Sabha, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam recitals, solo performance by Krupa G. Ramesh from Chitradurga, accompanied by Pavankumar on vocal, Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Samrudh Srinivas on flute and Sanjana Gogate on natuvanga; duet presentation by dancer couple Yogesh Kumar and Sneha Narayan, Directors of Narthanayoga Foundation and Kalasnehi Trust in Bengaluru, Ramagovind Kalavedike, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **RAAGA Music Academy:** 'Music for Wellness' - 97th Music Concert, Grand Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruti on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayana Shastri Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Valedictory of yearlong birth centenary celebrations of the legendary Veena maestro M.J. Sreenivasa Iyengar (MJS), Karnatak Classical Veena by Vid. Bharadwaj Raman, accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Mahipalanandaji speaks on 'Learning from Mother Sita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra:** Monthly music programme, vocal concert by Vid. Shankar Shanbhogue, accompanied by Raghunath on tabla, Shanmuga Sajja on keyboard and Gurudath Hunasooru on rhythm pad, BVB premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 33rd anniversary of Sri Krishna Temple, Brahmothsava to Lord Sri Krishna, Chatusthanarchana, Ramatharaka Homa, Hanumanthotsava, Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Aa Mani,' written by Keertinatha Kurtakoti, directed by Manjunatha Badigera, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Renukadevi Karaga Temple Trust, Ittigegud:** Centenary celebrations of Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Maariyamma Karaga Mahotsava, Karaga returns to temple, Mahamangalarathi, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 19)

- **Sri Renukadevi Karaga Temple Trust, Ittigegud:** Centenary celebrations (100th year) of Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Maariyamma Karaga Mahotsava of Ittigegud, Karaga will leave the temple (pass through Ittigegud's Sri Satyanarayanaswamy Temple, Second Cross, Periyathambi Road, Sri Siddappaji Temple, Arunachalam Road and Lokaranjan Mahal Road before reaching Sri Durgaparameshwari Temple; Karaga will return to the temple, passing through Kammalageri, Zoo and Bhavani Road), **7 am.**
- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** Akhanda Bhagavata Saptaha, Kalashasthapane, Devatavahana, **7.30 am;** Discourse by Pt. Badarayanacharya, Uttaradi Mutt, Srirampura, **8.30 am to 11.30 am and 3.30 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 33rd anniversary of Sri Krishna Temple, Brahmothsava to Lord Sri Krishna, Prakarothsava, Nithya Homa, **9 am;** Shanti Homa, Mahapoornahuthi, Dwajavarohana, Pushpayaga, Rashtraasheervada, Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Ramsons Handicrafts:** 10th edition of Kreedaa Kaushalya, an exhibition of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Handicrafts emporium, opposite Zoo, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Sahaja Samrudha, Rebuild India Fund and Save Our Rice Campaign:** 'Desi Rice Mela,' **10 am to 8 pm;** Painting competition for children below 12 years, Nanjaraja Bahadhur Choultry, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 70900-09944]
- **Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale, Bengaluru, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru and Hoysala Kannada Sangha, Mysuru:** Presentation of 'Prakashaka T.S. Chayapathi Samskruti Puraskara-2024' and releasing of four books published by Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale, Dr. H.B. Rajashekar, Director, Rajashekar Medical Foundation, Mysuru, presides and confers the award on Prof. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh, retd. Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru; Prof. M. Krishnegowda, noted orator and cultural thinker, Mysuru, releases the books 'Mooru Talemaru' authored by Ta.Su. Shamaraya, 'Nooraru Nudigattugalu' authored by Dr. Nilagiri M. Talawar, 'Srijanasheelaru' authored by T.S. Lakshmidevi and 'Shabda Sopana' authored by R. Dileep Kumar; Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, Director, Publication Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, speaks about the books; Manasa, Chairman, Kannada Book Authority, Bengaluru, chief guest; M. Chandrashekar, President, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru, will deliver the keynote address. Pratibha Chayapathi, Publisher, Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale and Ranganath Mysore, Secretary, Hoysala Kannada Sangha will be present, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Open Forum:** Discussion on 'Elections 2024 - Prospects & Perspectives' by Dr. H.V. Vasu, Editor, Eedina.com and Krishna Prasad, Senior Journalist, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Ammana Madilu Programme as part of Mother's Day celebrations, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah inaugurates, Namana Kalamantapa, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mysuru:** 'Artistry Show - Art in Every Jewel,' an expo-cum-sale of exquisite jewellery, Mysuru Showroom, B.N. Road, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Rachana Prakashana:** Releasing of the books 'C.P. Siddashrama avara 110 Adhunika Vachanagalu', 'Nelada Mareya Nidhana' and 'Nanembudu Nanalla' (authored by Prof. C.P. Siddarshama) by scholar and poet Prof. Ramegowda (Ra-Gow), writer Prof. Baraguru Ramachandrappa inaugurates the programme, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan President Maddikere Gopal presides, District Kannada Sahitya Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **11 am.**
- **Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha:** Basava Jayanti celebrations, Vachana Gayana Competition for women and children by Sri Sharada Mahila Seva Samaja and various cultural programmes, **11 am;** Stage Programme, Dr. Manjula Hullahalli, Dy. Director, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Chikmagalur, chief guest, Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha President M.T. Mallikarjun presides, Kanti Mallanna's Kalyana Mandira, Kabir Road, **3 pm.**
- **Sri Renukadevi Karaga Temple Trust, Ittigegud:** Centenary celebrations of Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Maariyamma Karaga Mahotsava, Concluding day, Ambali Puja to Ammanavara Karaga, followed by Tambittu Arati by devotees, **4 pm;** Karaga Utsava will pass through the main thoroughfares of Ittigegud and subsequently, Karaga Uyyalotsava, **11 pm;** Mahamangalarati, **12 midnight.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Valedictory of yearlong birth centenary celebrations of M.J. Sreenivasa Iyengar (MJS), veena duet by Vidu. Jayashree Jayaraj Krishnan and Vid. T. Jayaraj Krishnan, from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Mahamedanandaji speaks on 'Manushyana Naijaswaroopa,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Aa Mani,' written by Keertinatha Kurtakoti, directed by Manjunatha Badigera, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu:** Staging of Kannada play 'Nayi Kaledide' by Namde Natane Samskrutika Vedike, Bengaluru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

Inauguration of BSS Vidyodaya in city on May 23

Mysuru, May 18- YK Amrutha Bai SK Surama Bai Bhagini Seva Samaja Educational and Cultural Trust and Sri Vijaya Vittala Vidya Pratishtana have jointly organised the inauguration of BSS Vidyodaya (formerly Bhagini Seva Samaja), an initiative of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala, next to Raghavendra Swamy Mutt in Krishnamurthypuram here on May 23 at 5 pm.

Sri Vidyadheesha Theertha Swamiji of Palimar Mutt, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt and Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji of Pejawar Mutt will grace the occasion.

Hamsini and troupe will present devotional music from 5 pm to 6 pm.

The Trustees of BSS Vidyodaya are Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji (Chairman), Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy (President), B. Srinivas (Working President), R. Vasudev Bhat (Hon. Secretary), H.T. Swarna Kumar (Treasurer); Padmaja Srinivas, Vandana Govindakrishna, K.S. Gururaja, Arjun M. Ranga, H. Muralidhar Bhat and Aparna Srinivas (Trustees).

Applications invited for technical skill development training

Mysuru, May 18 (VNS) - Under its All India Trade Test (AITT), Schedule Caste Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) programmes for SC/ST residents of Karnataka, the Government has invited applications from eligible male and female candidates for job-oriented free Technical Skill Development Training.

The applicants must be in the age group of 16 to 45 years and the last date to submit applications is May 20.

Applications are invited for Tool Design Post Diploma, Qualification: Diploma, BE, ME, AE, IP, DTDM and DPM; Tool Room Mechanist, Qualification: SSLC; Tool and Dye Maker, Qualification: SSLC, ITI; CNC Technology and CMM, Qualification: ITI, Diploma; Designer Mechanical (CAD-CAAM), Qualification: Diploma or BE; Electrician, Qualification: SSLC, ITI; Conventional Machines and Quality Controls Training, Qualification: SSLC, ITI; CNC Machine Operator, (Turner/Miller), Qualification: SSLC, ITI, Product Design Engineering (CAD-CAM), Qualification: Diploma, BE; Quality Inspector, Qualification: Diploma, ITI; CNC Programmer (VMC/Turning), Qualification: Diploma, BE.

For further details, contact Mob: 99454-42654 or 99806-15384, according to a press release from CEO Coordinator of Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC).

PDO exam coaching class inauguration on May 20

Mohammad Haris Sumair

Shravan Kumar

Krishnegowda

Mysuru, May 18- IAS Officer Mohammad Haris Sumair will inaugurate the 45-day coaching class conducted by the city's Jnanabuthi, located in the premises of Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College on JLB Road, for the written exam to be conducted by the KPSC for appointment of Village Administrative Officers (VAO) and Panchayat Development Officers (PDO), at its premises in Lakshmipuram at 6 pm on May 20. Probationary IAS Officer P. Shravan Kumar will address the aspirants on the preparations for the exam. Noted Orator and Humourist Prof. M. Krishnegowda will preside, according to a press release.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Magadheera (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Anjaniputra (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  A - 1998 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  The Suit (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Krishna Nee Begane Baaro (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Aranmanai 4 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Inga Naan Thaan Kingu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Yuva (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Kiraathaka 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 9886325207
  Crew (H) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

If 2024 (E)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 10 pm
Kingdom of the Planet of Apes (E)	(S-1)	1.45 pm; (S-4) 7.10 pm
The Boy & the Heron (Japanese)	(S-1)	4.45 pm
Guruvayur Ambalanadayil (Ma)	(S-1)	7.20 pm
Godzilla X Kong: The New Empire (E)	(S-2)	10.55 am
A (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Srikanth (H)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Ramana Avatara (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
Sureshinteyum Sumalathayudeyum (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Switch { Case N: (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Inga Naan Thaan Kingu (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Krishna Nee Begane Baaro (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Aparichithudu (Te)	(S-3)	10 pm
Garifield Movie (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.50 am, 12.55 pm 3 pm, 5.05 pm
Kartam Bhugtam (H)	(S-4)	10.05 pm

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Ramana Avatara (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 4.20 pm
Ranahadu (K)	(S-1)	7.10 pm
Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	(S-2)	7 pm; (S-4) 1.30 pm
Guruvayoorambala Nadayil (Ma)	(S-3)	7 pm
Kiraathaka 2 (K)	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Godzilla X Kong: The New Empire (E-3D)	(S-4)	7.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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The Garfield Movie (E-3D)	:	11.15 am, 1.40 pm, 4.10 pm 6.35 pm, 9 pm
Kiraathaka 2 (K)	:	12.05 pm
Kingdom of the Planet of Apes (E)	:	12.15 pm, 6.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.25 pm
Guruvayoorambala Nadayil (Ma)	:	12.30 pm, 3.25 pm, 9.30 pm
If (2024) (E)	:	12.50 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Inga Naan Thaan Kingu (Ta)	:	1 pm, 3.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Aparichitudu (Te)	:	3.05 pm
Kartam Bhugtam (H)	:	3.50 pm
Degree Maila (Nepali)	:	6.30 pm
A (1998) (K)	:	6.45 pm
Srikanth (H)	:	6.45 pm
Sureshanteyum Sumalathayudeyum Hrudayahariyaya Pranayakadha (Ma)	:	10 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

The Garfield Movie (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 4.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.35 am
The Suit (K)	:	11.50 am
Inga Naan Thaan Kingu (Ta)	:	12.10 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.15 pm
Guruvayoorambala Nadayil (Ma)	:	1.15 pm, 6.35 pm, 9 pm
Kingdom of the Planet of Apes (E)	:	3 pm
Krishna Nee Begane Baaro (K)	:	3 pm
Switch { Case N: (K)	:	6.15 pm

Kreedaa Kaushalya gets a royal start

Rajabahadur Khem Sawant Bhonsle VI, the scion of the Royal House of Sawantwadi, playing Indian style chess with his wife Ranisaheb Shubhadadevi Khem Sawant Bhonsle** (sitting on chairs), **during the inauguration of the 10th edition of Kreedaa Kaushalya at Ramsons - Handicrafts Sales Emporium in city yesterday as** (standing from left) **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana Secretary R.G. Singh, Trustee Rahul Singh, Organiser Raghu Dharmendra and artist Ganjifa Raghupati Bhat look on.

Mysuru, May 18 (MK&BS)- Rajabahadur Khem Sawant Bhonsle VI, the scion of the Royal House of Sawantwadi has emphasised on the need to revive desi games that embody art and culture of the land.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 10th edition of Kreedaa Kaushalya, an exhibition of traditional board games of India, organised by Ramsons Handicrafts at its Handicrafts Sales Emporium opposite Mysuru Zoo on Friday.

Bhonsle played Indian style chess with this wife Ranisaheb Shubhadadevi Khem Sawant Bhonsle, marking the inauguration of the exhibition. **The exhibition will be open till May 31 between 10 am and 7 pm.**

Bhonsle lauded the initiative of Ramsons to host the exhibition introducing desi games with historical significance through handicrafts, especially at the time when mobile phones have been vanquishing the spirit of traditional games, which were popular in rural areas earlier.

"The desi games usually played among family members and friends were also helping in strengthening the bond among themselves, besides providing a joyous moment. Now, the mobile phones have made us feel lonely, prompting the need to revive the traditional games. Moreover, these games are the symbol of ancient art and culture and the younger generation should be made aware of their significance," added Bhonsle.

The Bhonsle couple also called Mysuru as their favourite place as Mysureans always treat them with respect.

Internationally acclaimed artist Ganjifa Raghupati Bhat, who was the chief guest, described the visit to the exhibition as opening door to the world of sports. The desi games have got a new lease of life with a blend of noble thoughts and art. Ramsons should be credited for roping in artists for the good cause and wish they continue the initiative to save desi games in a perpetuating manner.

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana Chairman Ajay Singh, Secretary R.G. Singh and Organiser Raghu Dharmendra were present.

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Srikanth (H)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Aranmanai 4 (Ta)	(S-4)	9.45 pm
Inga Naan Thaan Kingu (Ta)	(S-1)	3.20 pm; (S-3) 11.05 am
	(S-4)	6.55 pm
Kingdom of the Planet of Apes (E)	(S-2)	10 am, 7.05 pm
Ramana Avatara (K)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
The Garfield Movie (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 1 pm, 6.10, 8.30 pm
If -2024 (E)	(S-3)	1.55 pm, 7.35 pm
Guruvayur Ambalandayil (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm
A (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Krishna Nee Begane Baaro (K)	(S-4)	3.40 pm

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Srikanth (H)	:	10.15 am, 7.05 pm
The Garfield Movie (E-3D)	:	11 am, 1.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 9 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.40 am
Switch { Case N: (K)	:	12.20 pm
Ramana Avatara (K)	:	12.50 pm, 3.55 pm
Kingdom of the Planet of Apes (E)	:	1.10 pm, 10 pm
The Suit (K)	:	3.20 pm
Sureshanteyum Sumalathayudeyum Hrudayahariyaya Pranayakadha (Ma)	:	3.40 pm
Inga Naan Thaan Kingu (Ta)	:	4.15 pm
Kiraathaka 2 (K)	:	6.30 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	6.50 pm
Guruvayoorambala Nadayil (Ma)	:	9.30 pm, 9.45 pm

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